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James Lee Witt will keynote Partners in Preparedness Conference April 13 in Bellevue

CAMP MURRAY – James Lee Witt, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will be one of the featured presenters at the Partners in Preparedness Conference April 13-14 in Bellevue's DoubleTree Hotel.

Witt, who served as FEMA director from 1993 to 2001, will deliver his keynote address at 9 a.m. April 13.

More than 500 representatives of government agencies, businesses, schools and other emergency response organizations are registered for the annual conference. It will include sessions on homeland security, businesses interruption recovery, and all-hazard preparedness and response for such events as earthquakes, computer emergencies and the SARS outbreak in Canada.

Other key speakers will include Ron Carlee, county executive of Arlington County, Virginia, that responded to the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon; and Glen Woodbury, director, Washington Emergency Management Division of the Washington Military Department. Carlee will speak at 8 a.m. April 14, and Woodbury at noon on April 13.

The conference is conducted through a joint sponsorship of Washington Emergency Management Division, the Seattle American Red Cross, Seattle Public Utilities, Safeco Insurance and Puget Sound Energy.

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